

# Signing of Frakk Chance Settled Last of Number of Big Major League Problems

## RUBE WADDELL IN THE LIMELIGHT AGAIN

Rube Waddell is getting in the limelight again. Even though old, passe, and consigned to the minors, you can't keep Rube from breaking into public notice. This time, he did the fireman-save-me-child act, and did it well. Nothing remarkable in that, if you know the Rube. If there is ever a fire, a wreck, or other occasion where heroism was needed, and the Rube runs like a cur, there would be a chance for press stories—but that will never be. Poor old Rube has his faults, but he has a lion's heart, the courage of a warrior, and thinks no more of risking his life to save others than pitching an ordinary ball game.

Remember the night of Rube's western debut as an actor-ra melodrama hero. At the climax of the first act, he slew 11 villains, piled their corpses in a tangled heap, and gathered the persecuted heroine to his bosom. As he stood there in the limelight, the heroine clinging to his neck, and one arm wrapped around her, he chanced to spy a pal in the middle of the house. "Hello, kid," bellowed Rube, waving one arm and gripping the heroine with the other. "How are you, bo? See you in the beer garden after the show!" And down came the curtain in a hurry.

## W. AND L. BASKETBALL FIVE FACES STRENUOUS SCHEDULE

### COACH POLLARD IS HARD AT WORK WITH WHITE AND BLUE FIVE—TO MEET BEST TEAMS OF THE COUNTRY

Lexington, Va., January 11.—(Special.)—With probably the heaviest schedule in the history of basketball here, the White and Blue team is rapidly attaining by hard daily practice in the gymnasium a high state of perfection under the direction of Coach Pollard.

When seen today Manager Donahue spoke encouragingly of the prospects for a successful season. With the exception of Captain Hannis of last year's team all of the old men are back, and these with the promising new material at hand bid fair to make a strong aggressive team. McCain of last year's scrubs is ably filling Hannis' place at forward, and he should strengthen the team, rather than weaken it. Bear at guard is playing the same game that won all South Atlantic for him last year. Miles is back at center and his game is the same strong aggressive one that the White and Blue admirers cheered last season. Right guard will, of course, be filled by Captain Burks, who distinguished himself in the same position last year. Refery is again back at forward. His goal throwing was

phenomenal and his work this year is such as to make him a tower of strength to the team.

Of the new men Francis at guard, Frost and Gaddy at forward, and Garrett and Terry at guard and forward respectively, all show up well and will make a strong second team to fall back upon in case such a necessity arises.

The schedule this year is the hardest that the White and Blue has ever faced. The northern trip this season will be the most trying in years.

The hardest game will probably be that with Yale in New Haven, on February 18. This will be the first time that W. & L. and old Ell have met at basketball and it is for this game that the White and Blue is working. In addition to the Yale game the schedule calls for games with St. Johns, Pratt Institute, Wesleyan and the College of the City of New York, all of which have heretofore turned out strong teams and there is every reason to believe that this year is no exception with them.

The schedule is as follows:

In Lexington—January 10, University of South Carolina; January 17, Roanoke (pending); January 24, A. & M. of North Carolina; January 31, V. P. T.; February 1, Georgetown; February 4, Trinity; February 8, University of Virginia, (Lynchburg); February 12, George Washington, Northern Trip—February 17, V. P. T. (Blackburg); February 17, Yale, (New Haven); February 19, St. Johns, (Brooklyn); February 20, Pratt Institute, (Brooklyn); February 21, Wesleyan, (Middletown); February 22, C. C. N. Y. (New York).

## DERRILL PRATT RECEIVES 1913 CONTRACT

Derrill Pratt has received his 1913 contract from the St. Louis club, and states that he is satisfied with the terms, and will affix his signature to the slip within a few days.

Just what the terms of the contract is, Pratt did not say, but it is probable that the peppery second sacker is to receive a good sum from the St. Louis management in view of his excellent work last season.

Pratt will leave Birmingham for Waco, Tex., where the Browns train this spring, about February 1. He will join the team there for the early training. The Birmingham boy is in good condition, and should have a most successful season in the majors this year.

## GOLF TOURNAMENT

Pinehurst, N. C., January 11.—Harold Slater of Fochille, won the presidents, or first division trophy in today's final round in the tenth annual midwinter golf tournament here by defeating Robert Hunter of the Weeburn club, four up and two to play. The match ended on the 16th green.

Second division honors went to Henry C. Fowles of Oakmont. J. G. Todd of Upper Montclair, was the winner in the third division and the Rev. T. A. Cheatham of Salisbury, N. C., in the fourth division.



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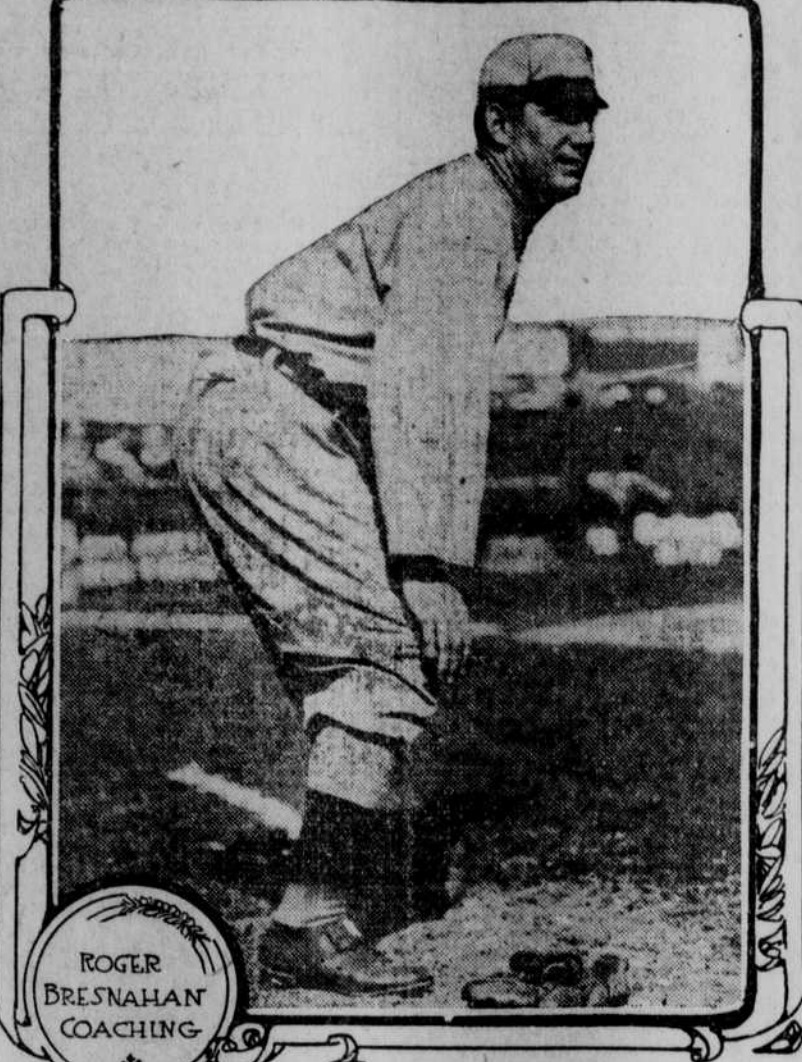
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## SIGNING OF THESE TWO MEN HELPER TO SOLVE BIG BASEBALL PROBLEMS

By C. W. GREER



FRANK CHANCE.



ROGER BRESNAHAN COACHING

When Frank Chance affixed his signature to a New York contract, the last of a number of important questions that had been agitating the major league circuits had been solved.

Early last fall the displacing of several managers, the choosing of their successors, disagreements between managers and clubs, rumors of hold-outs, together with the Horace Fogel disputation, created a veritable turmoil in the major leagues.

At a meeting of the national commission the Fogel controversy was laid to rest. However, other discussions filled the sporting columns of the papers for several months.

### Chance Gets the "Can"

First the displacement of the Peerless Frank Chance by Charlie Murphy startled the sporting world. The cause of his action was a live topic of conversation until the sporting editor of the New York Sun unearthed the facts in the case. These facts, now well known to most fans, placed the Chicago magnate in a bad light, but they failed to settle the "Chance" question.

However, the peerless leader was lost for a while in the discussion that followed as to just who would be chosen to pilot the Cubs in his stead. After some time, it was announced that Johnny Evers would be chosen, and as both Evers and Tinker had been mentioned for the place, the question arose as to what would be the fate of Tinker.

After innumerable conflicting reports and proposed trades, Tinker, who had stated that he would refuse to play with the Cubs, was sold to the Cincinnati Reds as manager of that club for the coming season.

### The Bresnahan Controversy

These two problems out of the way, the interested public turned their attention to the fate that awaited Roger Bresnahan, the deposed manager of the St. Louis Cardinals. Roger had a three year contract with the St. Louis management when he was given the "can," and his declaration of leaving the matter to court if necessary caused quite a flurry in baseball circles. Another series of arguments, propositions and counter propositions followed. Just at this time several clubs offered the big backstop enticing propositions. Among these were the Pittsburgh, Cleveland and Chicago clubs. Finally a compromise was effected in Roger's claim against the St. Louis club, and the big fellow signed with the Cubs. Another problem had been solved.

Meanwhile the question as to just who would be placed in charge of the Cardinals was aroused. This was ended in the selection of Miller Huggins.

### Reports of "Hold-Outs"

In addition to these questions, which were daily agitating the sporting world, divers and sundry holdouts were promptly reported. Ty Cobb, Joe Jackson, Derrill Pratt and others were included in the list. Later information from these players is to the effect that they are not and never intended holding out, and with this information the dove of peace and quiet was seen hovering over the major circuits.

But it did not light—that is, not just then. The big question of the winter had not been settled. Chance was still at large, and reports from his home in California were to the effect that the erstwhile manager intended to forego the lure of the diamond, and remain among the orange groves of his home state.

### Chance Signs With Yankees

The Highlanders wanted Chance, but when the Chicago club asked waivers on the veteran, Cincinnati refused to waive, and hence Chance was technically owned by the Cincinnati club. Eventually, however, the two clubs got together. As a New Year's gift to the New York club, Cincinnati waived, and President Farrell immediately began to take action toward securing the services of the peerless leader. More argument, more conflicting reports, and then the two met in Chicago. Chance signed a Yankee contract—for the highest salary ever paid a manager, some say. No matter, he signed, and the last of the big questions that had been agitating since the last inning of the world's series was laid to rest.

Thus were not all of the problems that were facing the major league moguls. There were and are many others. Some are solved, some are not; some of the fans will never know about, but the most important ones, and the ones that were attracting nation-wide interest were solved when Frank Chance yielded to the

temptation offered in the big figure on a New York contract.

### Southern League Troubles

And while the major leagues were thrashing out the troubles mentioned above, right here in the southern league many matters of importance and interest were claiming the attention of the local moguls.

First, and most prominent of all, was the Montgomery franchise situation. Early last fall Owner Tillis of the capital city club expressed himself weary of the financial losses of the club and volunteered the information that he intended to dispose of the club to another city. This information at first attracted little attention. This was the usual howl emitted from Montgomery, following each season, when the interest began to wear off and the owners began to figure up their financial losses.

### The Montgomery Proposition

As time passed, however, Tillis seemed to be in earnest, and interest in the matter increased accordingly. Little Rock secured option on the franchise, Pensacola, Knoxville and Shreveport were heard from in this connection. Things were in a jumble and it was a toss up as to what city would furnish the eighth club in the league in 1913. Meetings of Montgomery business men, their refusal to accede to Tillis' demands, meetings in Little Rock, and more disagreements followed each other in quick succession. And just when things were in the biggest jumble of all, Tillis came across, accepted the proposition of the business men, and Johnny Dohis signed a contract, and everything was lovely. Then came the Elliott controversy, but what's the use? Frank has walked, say the latest reports, and the "Rowdy" one will play on the coast next season.

Thus the problems came and went, following the ball in interest after the parting of the season. But with the advent of the training season, when the sap began to ooze preparatory to its spring rise, men saw the error of their ways and acted accordingly. Trainers were healed, purges were ordered and the great national game enters the 1913 season on a firmer footing than ever.

## IS M'CARTHY HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION OF THE WORLD?

By JEFF THOMPSON

New York, January 11.—(Special.)—Is Luther McCarthy, heavyweight champion? Probably no question has been so generally asked among fight fans and even more sensational football than when he received all-American consideration in a Commodore uniform. He says that former Commodore captain, Bill Neely, although out two years, also put up a wonderful game, as did Hardage, whose fine work was, of course, no surprise. He praises also the general all round work of Eric Cheape, old Sewanee line-man, who has been out of harness three seasons. Morrison did not play in the New Orleans game, coming straight from Dallas on account of having to resume his teaching duties at Branham and Hughes school at Spring Hill.

There seems to be a general acquiescence in the proposition that McCarthy's decisive victory over Paizer has demonstrated his supremacy over the other white hopes, but here is where the opinions of experts differ. It is held by some that McCarthy can fairly claim the title. Others declare he must fight Johnson before he can be champion and still others insist that Millard, Gunboat Smith and San Langford must be conquered before Luther can read his title card.

I am inclined to believe that Smith and Willard must be put in the discard before he can declare himself champion. Johnson and Langford may be disregarded.

I agree with Parson Davies, the pugilistic authority and one time manager of Peter Jackson, who thinks that the white and black pugilists have come to the parting of the ways. Says Davies: "I believe that the white boxers in future will conduct championship battles among themselves, and if the negroes desire to fight for titles the competition will be among men of black skin. True, blacks and whites may be pitted against one another in unimportant bouts, but the tendency is to separate the races on account of the prejudice that prevails against such contests."

"Boxing promoters have the example

of baseball magnates before them. It is true that there is no rule of organized boxing that would prevent a negro becoming a member of a national agreement club, and there is a tacit understanding that negroes shall not be signed. The boxing authorities are apparently following out that idea and it will result in the elimination of the negro from pugilism within a few years. Those black men who desire to box will be compelled to compete among themselves."

### New Weight Standard

A great deal of discussion in the leading boxing centres of the country has followed the publication of the new standard set of weights governing the different boxing classes issued by the local state athletic commission.

It was surmised by the sponsors when they undertook to meet the demand for a uniform scale that it would be practically impossible to devise a set of weights that would meet with unanimous acceptance. This surmise has been fulfilled, for the leading solons of boxing have already taken different sides in the matter, although all are agreed that the new standard is a definite standard of some kind that will do away with the constant bickering when championship matches are arranged.

Recently Commissioner O'Neil in discussing the subject made the following comment:

"While the standard of weights promulgated by the commission has met with the approval of many of the leading sporting writers of the country, considerable opposition has been encountered, however, from other sources. It is well remembered that Australia, England and America are in conflict so far as a standard of weights is concerned. In fact, in America there is not even a tradition to establish a scale of weights. We by no means declare that we shall not vary them in order to meet a counter proposition from the National Sporting club or the French Federation of Boxing clubs. The main object of the state athletic commission was to set in force a set of weights which would ultimately lead to an international standard. Ring-side weight has its disciples and critics. Assume the lightweight division standard of weight is 135 pounds. The champion naturally should win his title in the ring at that scale. He should not be permitted to scale at 2 p. m. the day of the contest at 125 and slip into the ring weighing 140 pounds. If he wins he is not competing at 135 pounds at the time of the contest."

Rules Not Infallible  
"But the critic maintains you are com-

## BASKETBALL TREAT OF SEASON THURSDAY

The real basketball treat of the season will be staged at the B. A. C. court next Thursday, when Coach Nespor's athletes take on the Mobile Young Men's Christian association five.

Rivalry between these two organizations reached such a pitch two years ago that athletic relations between them were discontinued. Both are yearly contenders for the Southern basketball championship, and this year is no exception.

Both sides have found easy victims in their early opponents, and will face each other here Thursday night primed for one of the very hardest battles of the season.

It would be hard to predict an outcome of the struggle. Mobile, it is true, has lost the services of Major, their main dependence for several years, but they are strengthened by the return of Soost and Courtney, old stars who have been absent from the line up for the past two years. On the other hand, the B. A. C. undoubtedly misses the playing of Harry Satterfield, although Strang and Nesbit are able substitutes.

It is predicted that the largest crowd of the season will be on hand for the game, and that they will be treated to one of the prettiest and hardest played games that the whole season will produce.

## ALABAMA COACH AN EARLY BATTERYMATE OF TESREAU

### COACH GRAVES RECEIVED "BIG JEFF'S" BENDERS IN SEMI-PRO. CIRCLES—TALKS ABOUT THE BIG PITCHER

It is not commonly known throughout the south that one of the earliest battery mates of "Big Jeff" Tesreau, now a star slaman of the New York Giants, is at present actively connected with athletics in Alabama.

This individual is none other than D. V. Graves, director of athletics at the University of Alabama.

While attending the University of Missouri a few years ago Graves spent the summer months in semi-professional baseball circles. One summer he signed with the Herrin club in Illinois, and on reporting found that the mainstay in the box department of the club was one Tesreau, a burly young giant of phenomenal strength and great promise, but of little experience.

The success of this battery was phenomenal. They were advertised throughout the state as the 400 pound Missouri battery, and their work put a damper on the aspirations of many of the semi-professional players who were battling for the state's supremacy.

In speaking of the work of Tesreau, Graves expressed his surprise over the big fellow's rapid rise.

"Jeff had plenty of stuff when I caught him," he remarked, "but if he ever mixed gray matter with his pitching I never detected it."

The boy coach laughed.

"I see where he covered the world's series for several papers," he continued.

"Cover a baseball game! Five years ago I couldn't sign his name to his own contract! Why, when we were traveling in Illinois together he would have to get the manager to tell him every morning what town he was in."

Graves has not lost the baseball ability that placed him at the top of semi-pro circles some years ago. Since that time he has made quite a success in minor league, and has played on the same clubs with "Rowdy" Elliott, Kent, Prough and other Southern leaguers.

It is rumored that he may join a Southern league club next summer.

## ATLANTA MAY HAVE UNIQUE BATTERY

### Cy Young and McAllister May Work With Billy Smith's Team

By X. LEAGUER

Should Cy Young sign with Billy Smith's Atlanta club, which seems almost a certainty, the big right hander of the Southern league will bring an announcement from the umpires that hasn't been heard since the 90's, when the arbitrator will bowl in stentorian tones: "The battery in today's game, for Atlanta, McAllister will catch and Young will pitch."

What recollections this announcement will bring to a Cleveland ball fan should be in the mind of a Southern league stand this summer, for these two veterans were in the points for Patsy Tebeau's Cleveland team in many a closely contested game.

Cy Young, who will in all probability hurl for the Atlanta club this season, is known wherever baseball is played. His pitching feats are too numerous to mention. Young holds the record for continuous service on the mound in the major leagues, having been a winning pitcher in the big show for over 29 years. He came to the Cleveland club from a small team in Ohio and made a pronounced success his first season in the box. Young was in the box for the Boston Americans against Pittsburgh in the first world's series that marked the renewal of that event, Boston winning it.

### Played for Temple Cup

He was also the mainstay on the firing line of the Cleveland club in the battles for the Temple cup, which was contested for by the clubs finishing first and second in the National league race and was played in lieu of a world's series as there was only one major organization at that time.

Young owes his longevity in the game to his regular habits and to the fact that he pitched very few curve balls, depending almost entirely on his control and effective high fast ball. In this respect he resembled Jack Powell of the St. Louis Americans, who since Young left holds the distinction of being the oldest pitcher in the majors.

McAllister came to the Cleveland team from the Texas league as a catcher, but his versatility on the diamond caused him to enact the role of utility man and for years he and Lave Cross were considered the two best all-around men in the National league. Lew's last appearance on a major league diamond was with Detroit, which club sent him to Buffalo, with whom he has played almost continuously since then. McAllister would play any position on the diamond, and like Arlie Hoffman, with the Cubs, was an extremely handy man to have around.

## LETTERS AWARDED TO FOOTBALL MEN

### The Alabama State Normal Athletic Association Meets

Jacksonville, January 11.—(Special.)

At a recent meeting of the State Normal School Athletic association, the following men on the past season's football team were awarded letters, and at chapel exercises yesterday morning they were presented with sweaters; the gift of citizens of the town, the faculty and the student body; Thomas Martin, manager; James Davis, captain; J. C. Kalbreath, G. G. Lawson, P. W. Capps, C. C. Dalley, W. C. Petty, B. B. Lawson, Charles Sisson, T. A. Simpson, M. H. Nims, W. M. Posey, R. L. Clements, J. C. Lee, Eddie Cash, Thurman Garrett and Herman Sneed. B. E. Harris (Rabbit), presented the sweaters to the men. The prospects for next year's team are bright as a large number of the team have signified their intention of returning.

## EAST LAKE DEFEATS TUSCALOOSA HIGH

### East Lake Barrette school basketball team defeated the Tuscaloosa High school team in a well played game at East Lake yesterday afternoon by a score of 18 to 5.

The visiting aggregation proved to be no match for the East Lake athletes, whose fast work kept them in the lead throughout.

Batt starred for the East Lake five, while Peyer did the most consistent playing for the visitors. Lineup: East Lake—Hates, Calhoun, Collier, forwards; Hays, center; Hang, Gallant, Schumet, guards. Tuscaloosa High School—Wilson, Peyer, forwards; Noel, center; Long, Johnson, Barrette, guards.

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